

# Preparing to Lead

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## Fleming County FCCLA Wins National FACTS Award

Kentucky's Family Career and Community Leaders of America gathered in Orlando in July for the 2008 National Leadership meeting. This year's student-devised theme was *"Excellence Electrified."* Throughout the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school, and community violence prevention; physical as well as financial fitness; future career exploration; and countless community service projects.

Kentucky had 63 participants take part in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition), which are competitive events that build proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills. We had 36 Gold, 21 Silver, and six bronze winners.

The Fleming County Chapter received the national award for FACTS (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety). Only one award is given for this national program. The chapter earned the award for its project "Use S.M.A.R.T.S. (Safety Must Always Rule in Traffic Situations)," which targeted a variety of traffic safety issues such as drinking and driving, seat belt safety, and ATV Safety. Through activities such as Safety Day for high school students, weekly traffic statistic posters, monthly seat belt checks, traffic



**Fleming County High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America Career and Technical Education Student Organization Chapter received the national organization's FACTS Award, as well as participating in STAR Events and receiving Gold Awards at the FCCLA National Leadership Meeting in July.**

safety reminders at the homecoming game, safety facts, a guest speaker, an appreciation luncheon for local and state police officers, red ribbon and stickers on cars, a ghost-out assembly program, and Public Service Announcements, the students emphasized the importance of traffic safety within their community.

**EAST CARTER HIGH SCHOOL** recently was recognized in an ad campaign it developed for "Youth in Action" to increase awareness of underage drinking. "Sober Chilling" was featured in the Kentucky State Police bro-

chure.

Whitley Hill, East Carter High School, will be one of six youth across the nation to represent Kentucky and FCCLA in Washington, D.C., at a meeting with the Assistant Deputy Secretary of Transportation to launch a dialogue on the topic of rural youth traffic safety. The intended outcome of the meeting is to begin a blog or discussion tool on this topic. This is sponsored by the National Organization of Youth Safety (NOYS).

Advisers were recognized for their

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## DECA students recognized at National Conference

Kentucky DECA experienced another great International Career Development Conference, held last April in Atlanta. Some 185 Kentucky DECA members, chaperones, and guests attended the conference for Career and Technical Education Marketing Education students. The total conference attendance exceeded 14,000 participants from throughout the United States, Canada, Germany, Guam, and the

Virgin Islands. All events had more than 144 entries per contest.

**THE KENTUCKY** delegation consisted of about 30 schools with students entering more than 40 events. Kentucky was pleased 44 members received recognition at least at the Certificate of Excellent or higher. Of special note:

➤ Grayson County ATC finished in the

top eight with its community service project, sixth in entrepreneurship promotion plan, and fourth in entrepreneurship participating event.

- Reidland High School was top 15 in apparel and accessories management.
- Taylor County High School, Southwestern High School, and Graves County High School all earned Gold Level in school-based enterprise.

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## HOSA Programs Promote Community Services

More than 5,700 HOSA delegates, guests, and judges converged in June on Dallas to celebrate the 31st annual National Leadership Conference, the annual meeting of the organization of health science technology students. Kentucky was one of 30 states recognized for increasing HOSA membership in the 2007-2008 year.

Cindy Allardin, Ballard County



Participating in a workshop on Developing a Survival Kit for Health Science Educators at the National HOSA Leadership Conference in June were President Jon Lynn, Hancock County High School, and Vice-president Matthew Beard, Lincoln County ATC.

Career and Technical Center, and Angela Harlan, Bowling Green Technical College-Glasgow, were honored as outstanding HOSA advisers. Harrison County ATC was recognized as an outstanding secondary HOSA chapter. Hancock County High School received an award of recognition for either raising funds of \$100 or volunteering a minimum of 100 hours for HOSA's national service project, Autism Speaks.

### BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

ATC was recognized for participating in National HOSA Week, Nov. 4-10, 2007. Chapters promote HOSA through community service, knowledge fairs, guest lectures, and other healthcare related activities during the week. HOSA encourages each chapter to participate in the 2008 HOSA Week, Nov. 2-8, 2008. The 2008-2009 HOSA theme is *Where One Person's Passion Becomes Another Person's Hero*.

Chapter newsletters recognized with a Certificate of Excellence for earning a rating of 80 percent or higher were Hancock County High School, Harrison County ATC, and Martin County ATC.

Suzanne Conover contributed 1,310 hours of volunteer service to others and documented the service to earn the Barbara James Service Award. Jon Lynn served on the national HOSA Nominating Committee.

Secondary students earning places in various competitions were first place: Stephanie Shaia, sports medicine; second place: Whitney Click, clinical nursing; third place: Brittany Perkins, first aid/rescue breathing, and Chelsea Whitworth, job seeking skills; fourth place: Amanda Goodlett, home health aide; fifth place: Mayfield ATC, forensic medicine (Renfrow, Doughty); sixth place: Suzanne Conover, knowledge of tests-concepts of health care; seventh place: Julia Critchelow, prepared speech, Ashley Robinson, nursing assisting; ninth place: Gabrielle White, medical spelling; and 10<sup>th</sup> place: Lee County ATC, parliamentary procedure (Ross, Maher, Lane, Estes).

Postsecondary students earning places in various competitions were fifth place: Maysville Community and Technical College, HOSA Bowl (Lehmann, Derossett, Hall, Butler); and eighth place: Anna Greene, extemporaneous health poster.

## FFA State Convention Draws 2,200 Delegates

The 2008 State FFA Convention was a great success with more than 2,200 FFA members, advisors, and guests present. In addition to the delegate business session, the Convention also included state contest finals, the state awards program, an agriculture career show, and a keynote presentation by Patrick Henry Hughes of Louisville. At the final Convention session, the State Star Awards, the highest awards given by the association, were presented to:

- Star In Production — Brian Reynolds, LaRue County FFA
- Star In Agribusiness — Ethan Crawford, Bourbon County FFA
- Star In Placement — James Sledd, Reidland FFA

The 2008-2009 State FFA Officers are: President Quint Pottinger, LaRue County;

Vice-president Sarah Boden, Campbell County; Secretary Megan McKinney, Metcalfe County; Treasurer Derek Adams, Rockcastle County; Reporter Ashlee Castle, Todd Central; Sentinel T.J. Morrison, Boyd County; Licking River State Vice-president Keitha Henderson, Fleming County; Green River State Vice-president Shelby Leach, Daviess County; Purchase State Vice-president James Sledd, Reidland; Bluegrass State Vice-president Leslie Reynolds, Boyle County; and Lake Cumberland State Vice-president Ethan Glidwell, Cumberland County. The theme for 2008-2009 is *"Ignite Your Passion."*

The Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg completed another successful summer. More than

1,500 FFA members and advisors from 102 Kentucky FFA chapters attended the Center this year. While at the Leadership Training Center, members learn how to effectively lead their FFA chapters, meet new people from across the state, and participate in recreational activities.

### Preparing to Lead

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## KY FBLA Ranks Fifth in National Awards Received

Kentucky FBLA members, advisers, and guests traveled 300 strong to Atlanta for the 2008 National Leadership Conference in June. Visitors enjoyed touring the World of Coca-Cola, the Atlanta Aquarium, and the Centennial Olympic Park. FBLA is the national organization for students who are interested in careers in business.

Kentucky FBLA did an outstanding job in competition, bringing home a Kentucky FBLA record 30 national awards, which placed Kentucky FBLA fifth among 45 state chapters at the National Leadership Conference. State Vice-President Melissa Hou, a duPont Manual High School Senior, was elected National Southern Region Vice President.

Gold Seal Chapter recognition, the highest honor given to a local chapter, went to 13 Kentucky chapters: Bracken County High School, Breckinridge County ATC,

Bullitt Central High School, duPont Manual High School, Estill County High School, Green County ATC, Greenwood High School, Henry County High School, Larry A. Ryle High School, Meade County High School, Montgomery County ATC, Scott High School, and Warren Central High School.

The following chapters had students receive the Future and Business Level Awards: Bracken County High School — 53 Future and five Business; Conner High School — two Future and two Business; duPont Manual High School — one Future and one Business; Estill County High School — one Future and three Business; Montgomery County ATC — 16 Future and eight Business; and Russellville ATC — one Future.

The following students received the Leader Level Award: Conner High School — Beau Cobb and Jake Ryle; du-

Pont Manual High School — Melissa Hou; Estill County High School — Jamie Woolery; and Montgomery County ATC — Amanda Moore. Two students received the highest individual award, the America Level Award: Beau Cobb, Conner High School; and Melissa Hou, duPont Manual High School. Kaitlyn Foree received the Who's Who Award, and Bracken County FBLA Adviser Carrie Jefferson received the Outstanding Adviser Award.

First place winners were Sean Fitzpatrick, duPont Manual High School, and the Larry A. Ryle High School Management Information Systems team of Justin Bishop and Andrew Pavy.

### Additional Winners

Second place: Jordan Ball, Britany Polin, and Kori Shannon, Bardstown High School, E-Business; Dillon Amburgey, Pikeville High School, Introduction to Technology Concepts; and Larry A. Ryle High School, Southern Region Local Chapter Membership and Local Chapter Annual Business Report.

Third place: Daniel Welsh, Larry A. Ryle High School, Business Communication; Kevin Wang, duPont Manual High School, Business Math; Jennifer Hail, Meade County High School, Computer Applications; and Keisha Davis, Joey Shelton, and Katie Loftis, Larry A. Ryle High School, Community Service Project.

Fourth place: Kate Thomas, duPont Manual High School, Business Communication; John Erickson and Taylor Thomas, Larry A. Ryle High School, Business Financial Plan; Jake Rouse, Larry A. Ryle High School, Future Business Leader; and Shelby Knierem, Louisville Male High School, Marketing.

Fifth place: Jacob Bell and Matthew Parker, Murray High School, American Enterprise Project; Joey Shelton and Taylor Lloyd, Larry A. Ryle High School, Emerging Business Issues; and Hannah Artner, Jhalak Dholakia, and Deep Aggarwal; duPont Manual High School, Global Business.

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## FCCLA Advisers Claim Honors at National

outstanding service to the organization. Dawn Hollamon, Crittenden County High School, received the Spirit of Advising award. Veronica Carmical, Whitley County High School; Leslie Slaughter, Spencer County High School; and Sherree Eubank, Monroe County High School, received their Master Adviser awards.

Family, Career and Community

Leaders of America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical education in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.



East Carter High School FCCLA members participated in "Sober Chilling" to raise awareness of underage drinking.

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## SkillsUSA Takes 36 Places at National Competition

Thirty-six of Kentucky's more than 135 participants in the national SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City last June earned top 10 finishes or Skill Point Certificates in various competitions. The Championships are a premier national competition for public high school, college, and career and technical education students enrolled in trade, technical, and service-profession programs. More than 5,000 students in about 90 different competitions participated. More than 12,000 attended the week-long event.

"This year, Kentucky had one of the most talented contingents of any state at SkillsUSA," Steve Phillippi, SkillsUSA State Director, said. "Kentucky students qualified for national competition in more events than any previous year."

Jonathan Fox, Aaron Ross, and Anastasia South, automated manufacturing, Somerset Community College, earned first place. Second place honors went to Chad Lowe, CNC turning technology, Breckinridge County ATC; and Cilia Rains, cosmetology, Somerset Community College-Laurel. Michael Winstead, computer maintenance, Webster County ATC; Keegan Bray, Criminal Justice, Somerset Community College; and Cody Wheeler, HVAC, Barren County ATC, claimed third place awards. Ryan Goetz, sheet metal, Boone County ATC, was fourth.

Joshua Hall, aviation maintenance, Shawnee High School; Drew Young, residential wiring, Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg ATC; Matthew Helm, job skill demonstration A, Lake Cumberland ATC; and Righter Dundon, prepared speech, Franklin County Career and Technical Center, received fifth place

certificates.

Curtis Combs, electronics technology, Somerset Community College, was joined in earning sixth place honors by the Breckinridge County ATC automated manufacturing team of Andrew Basham, Richard Thurman, and Brian Whitworth; the Somerset Community College esthetics team of Whitney Gambrell and Jayme Payne; and the Meade County ATC chapter business team of Thomas Damica-Roach, Nicholas Fowler, Steven Hamlet, Tiffany Patterson, William Stallings, and Daniel Suits.

Bradley Butler, related technical math, Paducah ATC, received seventh place. Kyle Hargrove, aviation maintenance, Somerset Community College, and Brandon Jones, job skill demonstration A, Butler County ATC, earned eighth place. Kevin Holder, action skills, Southern High School, was ninth place, as was Wayne Gastineau, CNC milling technology, and Todd Stephens, CNC turning technology, both from Somerset Community College. Kristin Arvin, job skill demo O, Eastside Technical Center, and Aron Decker, industrial motor control, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, claimed 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Thirteen students, including Goetz, Winstead, Young, Combs, Hall, Bray, Rains, Wheeler, Gambrell, Payne, Andy Lyons, residential wiring, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Stephen Schick, carpentry, Breckinridge County ATC, and Ethan Wright, firefighting, Meade County ATC, earned Skill Points Certificates, which document attaining skill proficiency in their respective area.

## Shelby County's Knecht Elected National TSA V-P

Approximately 100 students, advisors, and guests from across the Commonwealth attended to compete at the national level in the 2008 National TSA Conference in Orlando, June 28-July 2. Twenty different middle, high school, and area technology centers were represented.

Adam Knecht, Shelby County High School, was elected National Vice President and will represent Kentucky as well as the National Office in many events throughout the year.

Kentucky's Advisor of the Year, Lowell Cantrell, Morgan County High School, was honored at the opening session. Kathryn Hays, Kentucky State President 2008-2009, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, represented our state in the Parade of Flags.

Kentucky students rewarded for all their hard work by winning competitions



**Adam Knecht**

Middle School, technical writing challenge, third place; Casey Berryman, Glasgow High School, computer aided design 2D-architectural, fourth place; Lauren Shields, Southern Middle School, fourth place; and Patrick Casper, Shelby County East Middle, chapter team written, fifth place.

**EARNING SIXTH PLACE HONORS** were Beth Ann Likes, Shelby

were: Taylor Steele, Henry Clay High School, computer aided design - architectural, second place; Beth Ann Likes, Shelby County East

County East Middle, chapter team written; Ryan Buckler, Morgan County High School, promotional graphics; and Glasgow High School, system controlled technology. The Shelby County East Middle School Chapter Team earned a seventh place finish.

Awarded eighth place honors were Conkwright Middle School, inventions and innovations; Sydney Reeder, Southern Middle School, digital photography challenge; and Courtney Cotton, Glasgow High School, desktop publishing. Ninth place recognition went to Gwen Marlin, Shelby County East Middle, chapter team written; Franklin County Career and Technology Center, high school animatronics; and Paul Laurence Dunbar, film. Fleming County High School earned a 10<sup>th</sup> place award for radio controlled transportation.